

WE CLAIM:

1. A nontoxic fuel cell engine coolant which has an electrical resistivity of greater than 250 kOhm-cm, a boiling point of greater than 90°C, a thermal conductivity of greater than 0.4 W/m-k, a viscosity of less than 1 cPs at 80°C, a viscosity of less than 6 cPs at 0°C, a heat capacity of greater than 3 kJ/kg-K, and which is compatible with current cooling system materials.

2. The coolant of claim 1 wherein the coolant is 1,3-propanediol.

3. The coolant of claim 1 is an aqueous solution comprised of from 1 to 100% by volume of 1,3-propanediol.

4. The coolant of claim 3 wherein the solution is comprised of from 40 to 85% by volume of 1,3-propanediol.

5. The coolant of claim 4 wherein the solution is comprised of from 55 to 85% by volume of 1,3-propanediol.

6. The coolant of claim 1 having a freezing point of less than -40°C.